

THE DEATH RATTLE.

The Closing Hours of the Legislature Accompanied by the Usual Excitement.

The Monopolists Practically Block all Railroad Legislation.

While the Senate Prunes the Capitol Steal of Its Obnoxious Features.

Brown, McShane and Deek Fight the Bill at Every Turn.

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LINCOLN, February 22.—The capitol presented the spectacle of confusion and bustle incident to the closing hours of the session. The forty days limit within which members draw pay closes at midnight, and few are disposed to serve their country without rations. Both houses labored hard and steady from early morning until near midday. The action of the house this morning in adopting a report adverse to the senate railroad bill created intense indignation, and friends of the capitol tax became alarmed that the senate would retaliate by killing their bill. A motion by Roberts to reconsider and refer this bill back to the railroad committee for revision was tried by a large vote.

Meantime the senate took the house railroad bill and devoted almost the entire day to amending this bill, which now is nearly identical with the original senate bill. The house railroad committee meanwhile patched up the senate bill with a few worthless amendments. Jensen made a minority report recommending the adoption of the senate bill as agreed on by the committee of the whole. In this condition the railroad bills are left until to-morrow.

Much routine business was transacted in the house. Among the important bills passed was the bill increasing the number of district judges and the bill for township organization and the merchants assignment bill.

The capitol bill was made a special order for 8 p. m., after a warm contest, and the senate enjoyed the most exciting debate of the session over this bill. The opposition was led by Deek, Brown of Douglas, and McShane. They made an admirable and effective fight. Several important amendments were engrafted on the bill. The appropriation was reduced from one mill to one-half mill, and several important provisions that afford a safeguard against reckless waste and defective construction were adopted. The bill was then engrossed for a third reading.

Both houses adjourned at midnight.

THE FAMOUS LOG ROLLER.

THE ELONGATED ASS OF DOUGLAS AIRING HIS CONCITIZENSHIP.

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LINCOLN, February 22.—During the reading of the senate record this morning, Mr. Harrison moved that the senate record be made to correspond with the facts. He said that on yesterday the president had announced that the resolution appointing a committee to investigate into the printing of the fraudulent report of the "joint railroad committee" as carried, when in fact it was tabled. He asked that the records be made to show the facts as he had stated, and the journal was so corrected.

The committee on finance, ways and means made a report on the bill for the payment of the salaries of the officers of the state government and recommended that the bill as it passed the house be cut down in the aggregate \$5,900. This committee has already considered the general appropriation bill and have agreed

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about \$32,000. The committee have not yet made their report, but it is understood that fully this amount will be taken out. Early in the session the senate sent several resolutions to the house, asking that the appropriation bills be sent to the senate at an early day, but that body declined to do anything till the very last hours of the session, when they all came in a bunch, and the men who live off of the state hoped to crowd things through this body without due consideration, but in this they have failed. It has been customary for the senate and house committees on ways and means to meet together and to fix up these appropriations, but this year

MR. GRAY, OF DOUGLAS, said that the house committee did not require the help of the senate committee, and the consequence is that it has to be considered separately, which of course occupies time. After snubbing the senate in the above manner, Mr. Gray, the chairman of the house committee, came and asked to be consulted before anything was done by the senate committee, but Senator Conkling, the chairman of the senate committee, very politely informed him that they could get along without his help.

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THE LINCOLN MONUMENT, at Springfield, Illinois, passed the

THE INVINCIBLE CHIEF.

An Interview With P. J. Sheridan, the Alleged Organizer of the Irish Invincibles.

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Reporter: Do you propose leaving New York to avoid being extradited as has been threatened by the English government?

Sheridan: I had intended going west previous to my reading of the former Carey's references to me at Dublin trials, but I have now decided to remain in New York. If any emissary of the British government wants to know where I am he will find me at my desk in The Irish World office, every day in the week.

Reporter: Do you not think the consequences might be serious if you were placed in the dock in Dublin?

Sheridan: British courts of law in Ireland are organized simply to convict. Victims are wanted. I know if the British government got me into its clutches I would certainly be hanged, even though I disapproved, as I could easily disprove, every charge against me. My innocence or guilt would not effect the issue.

Reporter: With such fears on your mind, would it not be better to move to some country having no extradition treaty with England?

Sheridan: If there were no other considerations than my individual safety, I might be induced to think so, but I feel my safety here should not come to that. It will result in giving the American people an opportunity of judging of the class of evildoers on which Irish republicans are almost daily hanging in Ireland. Such exposure, I imagine, would be productive of results for Ireland. Therefore I remain.

Reporter: Do you entertain hopes for the prisoners in Ireland?

Sheridan: No; Dr. Nutty's life is no safer than James Mallon's, if the English government only deemed it politic to hang him. Carey, Kavanagh and Farrell found it necessary to save their necks to swear Dr. Nutty killed Cavendish and Burke, they would do it. The government has only to name its victims, the informers will swear according to order.

Reporter: Supposing those men should be hanged, what do you think would be the result?

Sheridan: That is a matter only to be guessed at. There is one thing, however, of which I have no doubt, that Ireland was never so deteriorated on the achievement of her independence, or ever so straight on the right track to obtain it, as she is this hour.

Reporter: Do you know this informant Carey, who says he was introduced to you at the Angel House, Dublin?

Sheridan: I never met the man in my life. His reference about my promising to forward him some arms from London are sheer fabrications, and they convinced me his story has been concocted in Dublin castle and Carey, in order to save his miserable neck, volunteered to swear to it in the witness box.

Reporter: Have you been in the disguise of a priest in Ireland as alleged?

Sheridan: Yes, I found it necessary to visit Ireland for two reasons, which I will give you, and being aware of the fact that a general order was issued from the Irish government to arrest me if found in any part of Ireland (at that time the British government was arresting every Irish man who was thought to be of service to the land league) I assumed the disguise of a priest and went to Ireland, first for the purpose of arranging for the recovery of some property which I had been robbed during my imprisonment and exile, and second, for the purpose of putting down agrarian acts and upholding the "no rent" manifesto by the process of social ostracism, that being, in my opinion, the most potent as well as the most moral escape within the people's reach. I also found it necessary to inquire into some alleged negroes and abuses in connection with the expenditure of the land league funds, arising out of the fact that the ladies' league in Dublin, as well as Egan and myself in Paris, had been deprived of the assistance of our trained organizers. I then looked up in prison as "suspects."

Reporter: Do you think if you had been allowed to return to Ireland you could have prevented many of these acts of bloodshed?

Sheridan: I have no doubt if myself and other active men, then, either in prison or exile, were allowed to move about among the people society would be spared the horrible exhibitions or most of them, that followed. Further ruled otherwise and on him and him alone rests the responsibility of the Maimmra, Gurtene, Ballina, Phoenix park and like tragedies throughout Ireland. In fact, Forster was on the floor of the house of commons admitted his responsibility for the acts committed by officers of the

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